

COORDINATION
Local Government Coordination for Federal and State Lands
Adopted By:
Granite County
Town Council of Philipsburg
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Mission Statement

Vision Statement: Federal and State lands dominate the landscape in Granite County with approximately 70 percent of the land in the county managed by a public agency. Decisions made by the agencies managing our public and federal lands and resources directly affect Granite County's residents, custom, culture, economy, and valued way of life. Granite County desires to assert its ability to coordinate, require consistency reviews and in appropriate cases to apply as a cooperating agency in all federal decision making and land use planning processes initiated by

Coordination

Invoke Coordination to Influence Federal and State Lands

Goals: Prepare land use regulations for coordination to allow Granite County elected officials to coordinate with federal agencies on an equal basis.

Objectives:

- Recognize that coordination is exclusive to elected government officials.
- Require Federal and State agencies to complete consistency review with local policies, programs and plans to the maximum extent allowed by federal law.
- Participate in formal and informal government to government interactions and meetings
- Recognize the cooperating agency status of Granite County in order to work in coordination with federal and state agencies on all project and decisions that could affect county interest.
 - Federal and State agencies to give Granite County early notification of forthcoming decisions
 - Federal and State agencies to extend an early invitation to the Granite County in federal decision making processes
- Participate in Federal agency planning and decision making when such actions take place within the scope of Granite County's responsibilities to the people they represent
 - Many such opportunities are only offered to State and local governments.
- Revitalization of and where necessary recreating of a viable working economy with jobs in local communities
- Make it safer for businesses to invest in Montana
 - Businesses are waiting for release of resources
- Protection of health, safety and property of all Montanans
- Stop special interest groups' from unduly influencing Federal agencies to shut off access to our natural resources such as timber, grazing, water, minerals, wildlife and recreation
- Recover lost funding for schools and county infrastructure

- Regain lost income from sale of resources from public land
- Restore health forests
 - Discourage “let-burn” policies on federal and state lands
 - Thinning and clearing out of diseased and burned trees to allow strong, new growth
- Restore health to watersheds depleted by lack of forest management
- Stop the destruction and closure of forest roads and trails in order to:
 - Allow access to fight fires
 - Allow access to manage timber
 - All access to fire wood
 - Allow access for the protection of health and safety through search and rescue
 - Provide hunting and fishing and other recreational opportunities
- Aid rural communities in their effort to stop the flight of our young folks due to lack of jobs